Martinique. They had arrived, after an agreeable passage in a good ship, the day before. They were to re-embark that evening for Jamaica, where the General expected to be landed about the 1st of November. His letter is written in uncommon spirits. He says they were all well, but that he keeps Swinburne so busy he has no time to write, and therefore begs Barry to acquaint his family that he is safe and well. It was almost too much happiness to bear when these tidings came amidst all our anxiety, and we were quite overcome at such unusual ways of digestion*

February

I breakfasted yesterday with Mr. Pelham, whose post in the cabinet is not ascertained, as Lord Auckland encourages his son-in-law to stick to the war secretaryship, as a place, I suppose, where he himself can take an active post behind the curtain. Lord Pelham is to be Earl of Laughton in Sussex, near Lewes, The King keeps Sussex for one of his sons, and Lord Moira

would set fire to his house were he to take the title of Hastings, of which Lord P. is the lord.